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Post has requested an appointment with Ambassador Ali bin Salim al-Ma'amari, Director of the Office of Peaceful Nuclear Technology at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, to discuss reftel questions regarding Oman's plans to develop nuclear energy. However, due to his personal schedule, numerous local holidays and government preparations for the GCC Summit to be held in Muscat at the end of December, al-Ma'amari will not be available until January 2009. Post will accordingly report septel on Oman's plans for civil nuclear energy after the meeting with al-Ma'amari takes place.
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